

Harpswell Conservation Commission  
Minutes for Meeting of July 20, 2010  
Municipal Office Bldg., Harpswell, ME

Members present: Mary Ann Nahf (chair), Tony Barrett, Deirdre Strachan, Ann Nemrow, Anne Perry, Don Jones, Burr Taylor, Sue Vachon (Associate member)  
Also Present: Carol Tukey (Town Planner)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.  
The minutes of the June 15, 2010 meeting were approved as amended.

**Member Announcements**

The Land Trust Annual Meeting is tonight at 6:30 at the Kellogg church.

Maryann: Kristen Puryear will be doing an ecological assessment on Long Reach salt marsh tomorrow, Wednesday, July 21. Maryann, Don Jones, Sue Vachon, Anne Perry, and possibly Tony Barrett will accompany her to learn about the assessment process.

**Conservation Education**

Sue Vachon brought a model for the boxes to be used at various spots around town to disseminate Save Our Bay literature. Members should send ideas to Sue.  
Design and funding of pamphlets is still in process. Discussion ensued on where to get the best deal on printing (and other Commission/Committee expenses). The Town has no bidding protocol on such items. Staples is the sole approved vendor.

Burr attended the non-resident tax-payers' meeting with Selectmen. About 60 attended. There were questions about the working waterfront, pesticides, harbor and waterfront matters.

Anne Perry had a request for a garden club speaker in October. Two people have signed up for the Adopt-a-Road Program. She will send a brief note of thanks to all participants to Kristi Eiane for Selectmen's approval for inclusion in the next Harpswell Bulletin.

The HCC booth at the Harpswell Festival will be shared with CPIC. Several members are signed up for Saturday only.

**Conservation Funding**

Deirdre prepared a description of a Proposed Town Conservation Fund. After discussion changes were voted in Potential Uses of the Fund:

Conservation Land Acquisition (includes purchase funds, boundary surveys and title searches). Unanimous.

Purchase of Easements and Rights of Way. Unanimous.

Ecological Assessments to decide whether a piece of land is worth protecting.  
(passed 5 to 2)

Stewardship use of Fund was discussed. Vote failed (3 to 4). Legal expenses were thought to fall under the Town's Legal budget. Decision on these was left until discussions with BAC and Treasurer. Deirdre will work on a second draft.

### **New Business**

#### **Town Pesticide Policy.**

- Neighboring towns are considering action to reduce the use of pesticides – spurred by bans in CT. & NY (pertains to pesticide use in schools)
- There will be a Maine Board of Pesticides hearing this Friday. The Board of Pesticide Control registry (for which several members signed for) includes only “aerial and air assisted spraying”. Hearing on 7/23 is to expand from agricultural commercial spraying to residential uses.

Our Pesticide Ordinance prohibits use of all those that have an adverse effect on marine invertebrates.

#### **Rob Bryan visit Thursday.**

He will be asked about how to do an ecological assessment of the Cliff Trail area and what the cost might be. Also how to approach getting more ecological information about the Focus Areas and how much it would cost.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Anne Perry, Secretary

Scribes for August: 8/3 Don Jones, 8/17 Burr Taylor